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IN THE UNITED STATES
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Applicant :ZOU, Jitao et al.
Serial No. :09/623,514
Filed :March 29, 2001
Title :DIACYLGLYCEROL ACYLTRANSFERASE GENE FROM
PLANTS
Examiner :BAUM, Stuart F.
Art Unit :1638

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The Hon. Commissioner of Patents
And Trademarks,
Washington, DC 20231 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Official Action of June 21, 2002.

This response is accompanied by a petition for a one month extension of time.

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Replace claims 5, 6, 12 to 19, 22 and 23 with the amended claims shown below.

5 (Amended) A vector for transformation of plant cells, characterized in that said vector contains a deoxyribonucleic acid sequence according to SEQ ID NO:23, which is SEQ ID NO:1 altered to contain an 81 bp insertion, such that the deduced amino acid sequence of the encoded protein contains the repeated sequence SHAGLFNLCVVVLIAVNSRLIENLMK

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